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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 27, 2009, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1,2 and 161-163 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicants submit that no undue burden is placed on the office in searching the groups beyond that incurred by searching one or the other separately.

The Director is also hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 64681(70403).

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